

## **ABSTRACT**

Economic Instruments of Environmental Protection represent an important category of environmental policy tools that influence regulated entities indirectly and which are supposed to have a great potential for solving environmental problems. The thesis deals with regulation of these instruments not only in general, but mainly in the current Czech law and in relation to the protection of soil and pieces of land. The thesis consists of four parts which are subdivided into chapters. In Part 1 there is a short description of the evolution of environmental policy and its tools. Part 2 describes economic instruments in general, their functions and types (fees, taxes, tradable permits, instruments to ensure duties and responsibility, deposit-refund systems, customs duties, public (state) aid instruments). Part 3 deals with economic instruments in current Czech law and Part 4 contains a more detailed analysis of these instruments relating to the protection of soil and pieces of land.

Economic instruments are analyzed and evaluated according to the application of the economic stimulation principle. The aim of the thesis is to highlight positive and negative aspects of the current legislation.